

CLOSE FINISHES DELIGHT CROWD

Yesterday's Races at State Fair Interesting and Full of Uncertainties.

FIVE HEATS IN TWO EVENTS

Flatfoot Wins the Virginia State Fair Steeplechase After Other Horses Tumble.

From the start of the 2:25 pace at 1 o'clock until Little England, after being "scatched," was replaced as a contender in the sixth and final race of the day, there was not a dull moment during the diversified racing program at the Virginia State Fair yesterday afternoon.

Abbie Wiltontdale, driven by her owner, H. Reeves, of Winston-Salem, N. C., won the 2:25 pace by capturing the three final heats.

Karonia, of the Tyson string, duplicated the performance of Abbie Wiltontdale, by winning the three final heats of the 2:24 trot, after finishing fifth and sixth in the first two heats.

Starboard romped away with the five and a half furlong event, Whispier Belle won the six furlong race, Flatfoot captured the Virginia State Fair steeplechase, after Mullinahone, Topright and Browny Girl had tumbled at the "Death Valley" hurdle, and Little England won the one mile and a sixteenth race with gates, a hot contender.

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[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

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Ten thousand people were standing in line, six abreast, when the gates opened at 9:50 A. M. Of this number, 3,000, including many women, had spent most of the night in front of the gates.

Joseph Sullivan, seventeen years old, of Brooklyn, purchased the first seat sold to-day.

The first woman in line was Mrs. Winnifred Hutchinson, of Mobile, Ala., who came to New York with her husband especially to see the first game. Accompanied by her husband, Mrs. Hutchinson spent the night on a soap box in front of the gate.

The all-night crowd consumed enough "hot dogs" to make a string one mile long.

Sixty thousand sandwiches and 4,600 gallons of ice cream were sold at the grounds.

The sum of \$10,000 was bet on the game in Wall Street to-day.

Two hours before the game was called a bet of \$75 to \$100 that rain would force a postponement of the game was recorded.

It is estimated that more than \$50,000 changed hands in New York as a result of the game.

The \$2 seats for the lower grandstand were sold by the speculators along Broadway at from \$8 to \$25. The \$3 reserved seats for the one game brought from \$25 to \$50 to-day.

An hour before to-day's game began speculators were offering unreserved seats for the game in Philadelphia to-morrow. These seats are not placed on public sale until four hours before the game is scheduled to begin.

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THOUSANDS WATCH BIG SCOREBOARD

Electric Display by The Times-Dispatch Kept Multitude on Edge.

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When the electric lamp opposite the scoreboard flashed play by play the opening struggle between the Giants and the Athletics. Only the physical limitations imposed by brick and stone prevented the crowd from being 10,000 instead of 5,000.

The fans began gathering shortly after the noon hour, and by 1 o'clock a full hour before the opening of the game—200 of the faithful were lined up against the west wall of the American National Bank Building waiting for bulletins on the New York weather.

A few minutes later the crowd occupied every available point from which the board could be seen.

10,000 Saw Report. While the lay of the land kept the crowd down to a maximum of 5,000, the intermittent attendance during the afternoon brought it nearer to 10,000. Hundreds streamed out into Main Street at the end of each inning, and hundreds streamed in just as steadily to take their places. Bank clerks slipped out of back doors to catch a last-minute service.

The big black electric scoreboard of The Times-Dispatch, familiar to thousands who watched it during the world's series of last year and the year before, never worked to better advantage. According to the physics books, electricity travels at the rate of 230,000 miles an hour—more or less. It did as good and better than that yesterday.

A leased wire ran from the Polo Grounds to an instrument mounted on

show the game on screens as quickly as a play was made.

Signs and superstitions were numerous among the good-natured crowd. When a load of empty barrels, which long has been a favorite omen with many of the Athletic rooters, went past the throng on City Hall plaza, hats were doffed and a great cheer went up.

The next play displayed was Baker's home run, scoring Collins ahead of him. The crowd went wild, and there were many expressions of "I told you so."

Every score was the signal for an outburst of cheering, accompanied by the tooting of countless automobile horns, which made conducting of trials by the courtroom almost an impossibility. At the end of the ninth inning, the cheers of the assembled fans appeared to shake the surrounding buildings.

Many women were in the throng following the plays with the same interest as their male companions.

There was very little betting here, and the crowds appearing not to want to take their eyes off the scoreboard long enough to lay a wager. Pitcher John Coombs, hero of two previous world's series, and the only player eligible to participate in the series not at the Polo Grounds, received the report of the game by telephone at his bedside in the University Hospital. His wife and Mrs. Ira Thomas were at Shibe Park and told him each play as it was flashed on the scoreboard there. Coombs, who is suffering from twisted muscles, is stretched out in bed with a thirty-eight-pound weight attached to his feet.

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Dustan, b. g., by Binkara—Rockland Stable, Suffern, N. Y.

Maggie Pilot, m.—L. Y. King, Florence, S. C.

Courier Boy, b. g., by Happy Courier—H. B. Clarke, New York.

Bill, b. h., by Anderson—B. W. South, Orlando, Md. Olive, N. C.

Judge Palmer, b. h., by Bursaro—A. A. Single, Petersburg, Va.

Councilman, b. g.—E. H. Rice, Fitchburg, Mass.

Kastor, b. h.—O. W. Welch, North Adams, Mass.

Virginia Augusta, m.—W. E. Miller, Washington, D. C.

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